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Hongkong, December 19, 1894. 2054

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Hongkong, December 21, 1894. 2083

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H. H. JOSEPH,

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will be examined on THURSDAY, the 27th

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All Claims must reach us before the 30th

Instant, or they will not be recognized.

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Taiwanfo December 19, Amoy 20, and Sway-

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Shanghai, French steamer, 2,044, L. H.

Crawford, Shanghai December 19, General.

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Hongkong, French steamer, 730, C.

Bastien, Haiphong December 20, General.

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Gera, German steamer, 3,406, B. Blanke,

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DEPARTURES.

That the real problem to solve now is, what is to happen to the rotten ice-field of the Chinese Empire now it has been broken up by Japan. That nothing has been as yet said on this point, and we are now as wise as ever we were. That the only consolatory items are that the British Government are there in force, that the Russian and British arrangement (if true) will make for peace, and that the Japanese are more open to reason than the Chinese. That I have reason to know negotiations are going on, but it is a truly ridiculous phase, following upon the utterly corrupt and helpless condition of the Chinese, and that they are sticking over details of 'losing face.'

That the chance of losing his head is regarded as of less importance than 'losing face' is perhaps the strongest proof of the inveterate conservatism of the thoroughly-bred Chinese official.

That in the earlier part of the century, when a mandarin took poison rather than acknowledge himself beaten by a stranger, one could honour such a man. That when, now-a-days, the officials run away with their ill-gotten gains, having perhaps deserted their posts, and are ordered to the Board of Punishments, to lay their heads in peace there, the romance of the olden empire of the world is reduced to dollars and cents—and stolen money at that.

That it is impossible Li Hung-chang is delaying negotiations in the vain hope that he may save the Emperor's face (and his own), in spite of the fact that he is dealing with an Oriental people who can see through it all from beginning to end.

That the successor of Mr Dering may not be any more successful than was the German adviser of the once powerful Li, unless he carries special credentials to carry on pre-Himmlerian peace.

That the Japanese conquerors will trust nothing to the wily Chinese, and there is every reason why they should not.

That this superciliousness of the Chinese, which has always maintained a broad front to the world, and which clearly (to my mind) prejudiced the Kowshing affair, cannot be carried on after the Chinese assumptions have turned out to be rotten to the core.

That the sooner China discovers and realises that the only superiority she possesses in the Far East is her enormous population which she ought to protect and which she fails to protect, the better it will be for all concerned.

That my impression is that the first well-authenticated rumour that the Japanese are established upon the coast of China proper will break down the 'face' opposition of the Chinese officials.

That our good old Shropshires have gone, and, between us, I think the General might have let them off without firing off that piece of advice in the way he did it.

That a 'word in season' is all right, and the more quietly it is got off the more effectual it is likely to be.

That the Shrops had their failings, and, in my circle of acquaintance, I find the man who has no failings is, as a rule, a man to be avoided.

That the Shrops showed no failings during the Plague time when everybody else were just a little funky, and that bit of memorable service should have exempted them from being publicly admonished for elbow-banding.

That I understand there is a large number of abstinents in the Regiment; and if the General desired to encourage that section of the Shrops he could have done so in a much more happy manner than he did—manner much more in keeping, also, with the good fact he has hitherto shown.

That I had intended to mention the whole lesson given to Magistrate Wodehouse on the subject of Extradition, by the Judges (Ackroyd and Wise), but space will not permit.

That I accept and approve of every word said by the Judges, with this one exception—that the line to be drawn between judicial and administrative functions is so narrow, that a magistrate sometimes may be justified in passing over the responsibility to the Crown and its legal advisers.

That in spite of all the fears, of a further fall in silver, of an absence of relief from the quiet of one-fifth of our revenue for military purposes, of the superciliousness of our Executive in respect to precautions again a recurrence of the Plague—ay, and in spite of the dread that our officials' salaries will never fully represent the amount of service which the officials believe they render to the Colony, I wish—end and all—'A Merry Christmas.'

BROWNE.

FAREWELL TO THE SHROPSHIRE. By, By, Shropshire! By, By, Little Bob! Dear old Plague Boys, long chin-chin. Powers Storied old Neptune—

As you go to India g'm.

Dear old Shropshire, we shall miss you At the Christmas bowl we quaff,

We shall miss sweet strains and Murph

At the Club run short in 'chaff.'

May the gales make motion easy As you 'go' the Christmas 'doff'!

And the 'comfor' 'tken with it

Old Bass's choiceest stuff.

Not that 'housing' suits you, Shropshire;

You might well be 'sob-sides'

But you'll value liquid comfort

Which we trust your ship provides.

We shall miss your bright red 'toge'

Though you served us best in white.

When you broke War Office models

And turned out the Plague to fight.

You will long be absent, Shropshire,

We may never see you more,

But you take our heartiest blessing

As you steam for India's shore.

We may find the 'boys' who follow

A/1 Tommies, pluck' chips

Of the good old British Army.

But your record never slips

(While our island dots the ocean)

From each grateful heart now here,

How you met the Plague and fought it,

How you saw your duty clear.

Some have said you were so sober,

Hardly any took a 'twig'.

Others snored 't'was that do, then,

Do it very, very big.

Let them go to 'takie' confound 'em,

Who are ever hot or cold;

Taken broadly we have found you.

Patient, steady, true, and bold;

Farewell, Shropshire! I may you ever,

Dear old S'dr, remain.

In our hearts a loving memory.

And your grand old name maintain.

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Dearer far as years roll on;

Ye have vanished as do angels.

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The Acting Colonial Secretary read an extract from Hancard showing that Mr Leach never paid compensation would be

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon, H. E. Sir William Robinson presided. There were also present: Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Acting Colonial Secretary; Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General; Hon. N. G. Mitchell-Innes, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. F. A. Cooper, Director of Public Works; Hon. R. M. Ramsey, Harbour Master; Hon. C. P. Chater; Hon. J. K. Kewick, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. E. R. Bellairs, Hon. A. McConachie, and Mr. J. G. T. Buckle, Acting Clerk of Councils.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE INSANTARY DWELLINGS ORDINANCE.—OPPOSITION BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

The Attorney General, in moving the second reading of the Bill entitled 'An Ordinance to make provision with regard to certain houses closed during the prevalence of the bubonic plague and to make further and better provision for the health of the Colony,' recapitulated the history of the measure. He did not think they should be deterred from passing the Bill by the cry that they would frighten the Chinese by insisting upon proper sanitary arrangements in the Colony.

The Director of Public Works seconded, and pressed the urgency of sanitary reform if the public health and prosperity of the Colony were to be maintained in the future.

Dr Ho Kai said he would oppose the motion, but he indicated that the Unofficial Members would oppose several of the proposals when the Bill went into Committee. He denied the insinuation that the Unofficial Members had been responsible for the delay in bringing forward the Bill. He said the provisions of the Bill would decrease the value of property very considerably, and that he thought the Government were showing an utter disregard to the interests of property owners and were not treating the owners with due consideration.

He deprecated the domiciliary night visits proposed by the Bill as an unwarrantable interference with domestic privacy, and, in effect, set up a plot against making the Chinaman too clean in his surroundings.

The second reading was agreed to, and the Bill passed into Committee.

Mr Bellairs opposed the proposal to give each adult 30 square foot of habitable floor space or superficial area and 400 cubic feet of clear and unobstructed internal air space. He proposed that the space be reduced to 21 feet superficial area and 300 cubic feet of air space.

Dr Ho Kai seconded.

The Attorney General said each prisoner in Victoria Gaol received 1500 cubic feet of air space; in India the space per adult in Barracks was 600 cubic feet, and in Hongkong 300 cubic foot. The space proposed by Mr Bellairs would allow each adult to have about six inches all round his superficial area.

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Mr Kewick seconded Dr Ho Kai's amendment.

Again the official majority carried the proposal.

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If insisted on the Government proposals would enormously depreciate the value of property.

It was finally agreed, on the suggestion of His Excellency, to allow this clause to remain in Committee to give time for the consideration of Mr Chater's objections.

Another long discussion arose on the proposal to prevent the raising of actions against the Sanitary Board in respect to its action in closing insanitary houses.

In seconding it, Mr Chater said that if compensation was to be paid on the rental of the Taipingshan property at the rate of 7 per cent during the period from the closing of the houses till the time their claim was settled, he did not see why compensation should not be paid also to owners of closed property lying outside that district.

The Acting Attorney General, he said, had said compensation would be given. If compensation were not given, these owners would have been dealt with very unjustly.

The Attorney General disclaimed whatever might have been said by Mr Leach. For from proposing that compensation should be paid to property owners who allowed their houses to get into such an insanitary condition that they were a source of danger to the community, he would have been delighted to introduce a measure to make these owners pay compensation to the poor people who were struck down by the plague (the Tabour Master).—(Hear, hear.) There was no analogy between the position of the owners of property in Taipingshan and the owners of closed houses outside that district. The property in Taipingshan had been rescued; the property in the other case had been taken from the owners and cleaned for them and would be handed back to them in a better state than when the Government took possession of it in the interests of public health.

The Acting Colonial Secretary read an extract from Hancard showing that Mr Leach never paid compensation.

Mr Francis seconded.

The Chairman—That concludes the business of the meeting. I am much obliged to you for attending. I am sorry the attendance is not larger. It is a great pity the public do not display more interest in this

that the Government were considering the subject.

Mr Kewick said that influenced the Official Members very much in coming to a decision on the Taipingshan Resumption Ordinance.

Mr Chater said the same, and took the opportunity of telling the public that he had no personal interest, nor had the Company of which he was a Director, in the property under discussion. He took this action from purely insidious motives in the interest of other landlords.

Mr Chater said that it was no argument to say compensation should be paid for having filthy houses which brought the plague upon the Colony, simply because the Government had spent too much money to

useful institution, but I suppose their absence denotes that they are satisfied with the management.

The following is the Report:

The last Annual Meeting was on the 22nd day of December 1893.

Committee.—The Committee during the year from 1st July 1893 to 30th June 1894 consisted of the Honourable J. J. Kewick, Chairman, Messrs. H. Hopkiss, E. L. Dalrymple, H. N. Mody, and E. Lyon.

The recent lamented death of Mr Hopkiss, who was a member of the Committee for 17 years, creates a vacancy which will have to be filled up.

The state of the building.—The Building generally is in good order; the objects,

Misses Palmer & Turner, made at usual

search for white ants is the Spirit, and as expenditure of \$205 was incurred in effecting the necessary repairs. A total sum of \$81 was expended in lime-washing the basements during the plague visitation, and the Sanitary Board having required that the drains should be connected with the new

Government system of drainage became necessary to have a general examination of all the drains of the building. As the majority of these had been installed for some twenty-five years it was found that they were in a very defective state and that an expenditure of \$841 was necessary before the drains of the building could be allowed to connect with the new system.

The whole Bill was passed through Committee with the exception of the section dealing with the heights of buildings.

Council having resolved, His Excellency adjourned the Council till Monday next at 3 o'clock.

KOWLOON INSTITUTE.

The memorial stone of the new Kowloon Institute for Soldiers and Sailors was laid yesterday by Mr Bayes. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, including the Right Rev. Bishop Burdon, Rev. A. G. Goldsmith, Rev. Mr. Vallance, military chaplain, Rev. Mr. Bennett, Rev. Mr. Davies and Mr. Granville Sharp.

A short service was held by the Rev. A. G. Goldsmith, of the Seamen's Mission, and after prayer the corner stone was declared

in position by Mr Bayes. The stone was placed in the following inscription: 'The stone was laid by Mrs Bayes, December 21, 1894.'

The Bishop said:—'I am asked to say that the Unofficial Members had been responsible for the delay in bringing forward the Bill. He denied the accusation that the Unofficial Members were showing an utter disregard to the interests of property owners and were not treating the owners with due consideration.

He deprecated the domiciliary night visits proposed by the Bill as an unwarrantable interference with domestic privacy, and, in effect, set up a plot against making the Chinaman too clean in his surroundings.

The second reading was agreed to, and the Bill passed into Committee.

Mr Bellairs

A MINISTERING ANGEL.
TIME-3.30 P.M. SCENE-The guest-chamber. Mrs. Condon-Bennett is resting in an elaborate dressing-gown, while George's wife takes care of her.

"Now you must lie still and keep quite until dinner time. I know you had a dreadful headache the minute I saw you the morning; your face was ghastly pale and your eyes all red; even George could not have known you looked and he never saw anything more funny than you looked and he never saw anything more generally. Shall I close these jammies?"

"When my head is bad I like to be in the dark and keep perfectly quiet; it's much the best way. There, now I'll shut the other.

"Oh dear, how that banged! Wouldn't you like another pillow? Are you sure that this dressing-gown is warm enough? It's a pity the disease was raging.

"George's wife speaks—

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anything more generally. Shall I close these jammies?"

"This time of year: let me throw this shawl

over you. No? Well I'll put it close to

your feet in case you want it presently.

This is a wretchedly small sofa, I really

think you would be more comfortable lying

on the bed. You are quite content and don't

want to move? That's right dear, and now

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